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1. It is reported that each village in Bulgaria now has a vigilance group, formed of a small number of true Communists, whose function is to support the Militia or the Border Guards in the event of uprisings or penetrations of illegal border crossers. Each group is composed of members from the particular village only.
2. In the village of Shirbanovo, located five kilometers northeast of Petrich, there is such a vigilance group. Their leader is Georgi Emanoilov Roushanov, secretary of the Communist Party in Shirbanovo.
3. Towards the end of September 1950, one night at midnight the officer in charge of training the Shirbanovo group appeared with a soldier and advised the group leader to alert the group for a practice drill. In turn the group leader advised two other members, as each of them were responsible for three men. When alerted, each man is given the rendezvous point only in his instructions. At this particular meeting, the group was issued arms; the officer conducted a short drill, and then lectured the men on political matters, security, alertness and Communist Party doctrines.
4. Several times since September 1950, the group has conducted drills and training of various kinds. Their activities are held secret from the other villagers.
5. Each week, since the fall of 1950, a junior lieutenant from the Border Komandatura in Petrich, has been coming to the village on liaison trips. He is alleged to be the officer responsible for political matters and is charged with prosecuting enemies of the state.

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